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SUBJECT: AFRO-ARAB FONMIN MEETING: RWANDAN FONMIN CRITICIZES

ARAB AID

1. IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW RADIO RWANDA APRIL 16 (TEXT JUST RECEIVED), RWANDAN FONMIN CRITICIZED ARAB STATES ALONG LINES (A) SUPPORT ARABS AGAINST ZIONISM FOLLOWED NOT BY "HUMAN AND POLITICAL" FRIENDSHIP, BUT BY "OIL QUARREL." AFRICANS ALSO SUPPORTED ARABS ON OIL IN BELIEF LATTER CORRECT IN SEEKING CONTROL THEIR OWN RAW MATERIALS. (B) HOWEVER, PRICE REGULATING MECHANISM NOT ONLY USED AGAINST INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES BUT THOSE "MOST POOR IN THE THIRD WORLD." "WE THOUGHT IT WELL TO TELL THE ARABS THIS . . . STATE OF THINGS CANNOT LAST." (C) "BILLIONS OF ARAB DOLLARS IN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN BANKS" SHOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RATHER THAN PROVIDING ". . . ANOTHER MEANS FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO BE EVEN MORE IMPERIALISTIC AGAINST THE THIRD WORLD."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST RWANDAN PUBLIC CRITICISM OF ARAB LARGESSE OTHER THAN RECENT COMMENT ON LIBYAN NON-PERFORMANCE (KIGALI 214). RWANDA ON PER CAPITA BASIS HAS ACTUALLY DONE RELATIVELY WELL IN ARAB COMMITMENTS (ALTHOUGH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS EMB EXPECTED, LACK OF ARAB IMPLEMENTATION PLUS BUREAUCRATIC

PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN A SHOCK TO GOR). RWANDAN FONMIN WOULD NOT
HAVE MADE SUCH A PUBLIC CRITICAL STATEMENT UNLESS HE CONFIDENT
IT REPRESENTS MAINSTREAM AFRICAN OPINION. FRITTS

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